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**FORMER BOCES EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH TRADING,  
TRANSPORTING AND POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

**RE: UNITED STATES v. HENRY JAMES LUDINGTON**

Michael A. Battle, the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced that Henry James Ludington, age 53, of 1999 Stevens Street, Ontario, New York, was present at an initial appearance today in front United States Magistrate Judge Jonathan W. Feldman in connection with a criminal complaint filed on January 14, 2004, charging Ludington with trading child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252(a)(1), transporting child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252A(a)(1), and possessing child pornography in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B), each charge carrying a maximum term of imprisonment of 15 years, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

According to the complaint, on May 27, 2003, Ludington sent an undercover law enforcement officer eight e-mails which contained images of child pornography. Subsequently, on June 23, 2003, the computer at Ludington's office at the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), 131 Drumlin Court, Newark, New York, was seized and found to contain numerous files with images of child pornography. During an interview on the same date, Ludington admitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he had traded and possessed child pornography.

The charges in this case were the culmination of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn.

It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 2, 2004. Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick will be handling the trial in this case.

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